

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It is next scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 6, 1999 at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 139–140 and H. Res. 612, were introduced. **Page H11768**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on November 2: Investigation of the Conversion of the \$1.7 Million Centralized White House Computer System, Known as the White House Database, and Related Matters (H. Rept. 105–828);

Filed on November 5: Investigation of Political Fund Raising Improprieties and Possible Violations of Law—Interim Report (H. Rept. 105–829); and

Filed on December 15: H. Res. 611, Impeaching William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors (H. Rept. 105–830). **Page H11768**

Reassembling of the House of Representatives on December 17th: The Speaker laid before the House the text of the formal notification he sent to Members on Monday, December 14, 1998 on the reassembling of the House. **Page H11721**

Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce: On November 27, the Speaker appointed the following individuals to the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce: Mr. Grover Norquist of Virginia; Mr. Richard D. Parsons of New York; Mr. David Pottruck of California; Mr. James Gilmore of Virginia and Mr. Dean Andal of California. On December 3, the Minority Leader appointed the following individuals to the Commission: Mr. Gary Locke of Washington; Mr. Ron Kirk of Texas; and Mr. Robert Pittman of Virginia. **Page H11721**

Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission: On November 13, the Speaker appointed the following individuals to the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission: Mr. Thomas J. Murrin of Pennsylvania; Mr. Kenneth Saxe of Pennsylvania; Mr. Frank Riggs of California; and Mr. Frank Roberts of California. **Page H11722**

Communication from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Read a letter from the Chairman of the Committee wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions approved by the Committee on October 9, 1998—referred to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H11722**

Commending U.S. Forces in the Persian Gulf: The House agreed to H. Res. 612, expressing unequivocal support for the men and women of our Armed Forces who are currently carrying out missions in and around the Persian Gulf region, by a yea and nay vote of 417 yeas to 5 nays, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 539. **Pages H11722–47**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2:57 p.m. **Page H11748**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H11747. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Committee on the Judiciary: On December 12, the Committee concluded consideration of a proposed resolution containing articles of impeachment against President Clinton and took the following action:

Adopted article IV, as amended, abuse of power, by a vote of 21–16.

Failed to adopt a proposed joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to censuring the President, by a vote of 22 to 14 and with 1 voting present.

Committee adjourned subject to call.

On December 11, the Committee concluded debate on and took the following action on a proposed resolution containing articles of impeachment against President Clinton:

Adopted article I, as amended, perjury before the grand jury, by a vote of 21 to 16;

Adopted article II, perjury in a civil case, by a vote of 20 to 17; and

Adopted article III, obstruction of justice, by a vote of 21 to 16.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Committee on the Judiciary: On December 10, began debate on a proposed resolution containing articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

The Committee also heard final presentations in the Impeachment Inquiry by Abbe Lowell, Minority Chief Investigative Counsel and David Schippers, Chief Investigative Counsel.

Prior to the presentations, the Committee met in executive session and approved a motion to release certain documents necessary for the presentations.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Committee on the Judiciary: On December 9, the Committee continued hearings in the Impeachment Inquiry pursuant to H. Res. 581. Testimony was heard on Prosecutorial Standards for Obstruction of Justice and Perjury. Testimony was heard from Thomas P. Sullivan, former U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois; Richard J. Davis, Weil, Gotschal and Manges; Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr., Morgan, Lewis and Bockius; William Weld, former Governor of Massachusetts; and Prof. Ronald Noble, Professor of Law, New York University Law School.

The Committee also heard testimony in the Impeachment Inquiry from Charles F.C. Ruff, Counsel to the President.

On December 8, the Committee continued hearings in the Impeachment Inquiry pursuant to H. Res. 581, authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient

grounds exist for the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States. Testimony was heard on Historical Precedents and Constitutional Standards, Abuse of Power, and How to Evaluate Evidence. The Committee heard testimony from Gregory B. Craig, Assistant to the President and Special Counsel; Nicholas Katzenbach, former Attorney General; Prof. Bruce Ackerman, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science, Yale University; Prof. Sean Wilentz, The Dayton Stockton Professor of History, Princeton University; Prof. Samuel H. Beer, Eaton Professor of the Science of Government Emeritus, Harvard University; former Representative Elizabeth Holtzman of New York; former Representative Robert J. Drinan, S.J., of Massachusetts; former Representative Wayne Owens of Utah; James Hamilton, Swidler, Berlin, Shereff and Firedman; and Richard Ben-Veniste, former Assistant Attorney General.

CONSEQUENCES OF PERJURY AND RELATED CRIMES

Committee on the Judiciary: On December 1, the Committee held an oversight hearing on the Consequences of Perjury and Related Crimes. Testimony was heard from Gerald B. Tjoflat, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Courts of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit; Charles E. Wiggins, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., former Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit; Elliot Richardson, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Secretary of Defense, Attorney General and Secretary of Commerce; Adm. Leon A. Edney, USN (Ret.), former Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Carney, USA, (Ret.), former Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel; Prof. Alan Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; the following Professors from George Washington University Law School: Prof. Stephen Saltzburg, Howrey Professor of Trial Advocacy, Litigation, and Professional Responsibility and Prof. Jeffrey Rosen, Associate Professor of Law; Pam Parsons, Atlanta, Georgia; and Barbara Battalino, Los Osos, California.

The Committee also approved the issuance of subpoenas for depositions and materials.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Committee on the Judiciary: On November 19, the Committee held a hearing in the Impeachment Inquiry pursuant to H. Res. 581, authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States. Testimony was heard from Kenneth W. Starr, Independent Counsel.

The Committee also met in executive session and approved the issuance of subpoenas for depositions.

IMPEACHMENT—BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

Committee on the Judiciary: On November 9, the Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on "The Background and History of Impeachment". Testimony was heard from various professors and attorneys with background and expertise in constitutional law.

SAVING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: On November 19, the Committee held a hearing on Saving the Social Secu-

rity System. Testimony was heard from Senator Gramm; David W. Wilcox, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; John F. Cogan, former Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor and former Deputy Director, OMB; Hertert Stein, former Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Robert Reischauer, former Director, CBO; and Stanford G. Ross, Chair, Social Security Advisory Board and former Commissioner, SSA and former Public Trustee, Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
12 noon, Wednesday, January 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, December 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H. Res. 611, Impeaching William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

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